## Primary Care Patients: Prescriptions from Your Non-VA Doctor/Provider (Information Your VA Doctor/Provider Needs)

If you are a veteran who receives health care from a doctor/provider outside of the Chippewa Valley CBOC, please read this.

When you ask your VA primary care doctor/provider to write a prescription for you based on what your non-VA doctor/provider has recommended, you must ask your non-VA doctor's/provider's office to mail or fax this information to your primary care clinic at the Chippewa Valley CBOC:

- a copy of the original prescription(s)
- a copy of the notes from the appointment when your non-VA doctor/provider prescribed the medication
- a copy of the current lab tests and/or procedures related to the requested prescription

This information helps your VA doctor/provider decide if s/he will prescribe the medication. You will be told of your VA doctor/provider's decision either by phone or letter. If approved, it may be two weeks before you receive the medication

You are responsible for filling these prescriptions at a local pharmacy, at your own expense, until your VA provider can review your request.

Some prescriptions *cannot* be filled at the Minneapolis VAMC. Others are restricted to specialized clinics. You will be told if either of these situations apply to your request.

## **Clinic Phone Numbers**

Phone Fax

Chippewa Valley 715-720-3780 715-720-3781

## The CBOC's address is:

Chippewa Valley CBOC 2503 County Hwy I Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729

If you have any questions or problems, call your primary care clinic.

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